

Towards a strategy to promote the forest industry development in the Congo Basin

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Hôtel Mont Fébé at 10am - Salon MFOUNDI

The International Tropical Timber Organization (ITTO), the Interafrican Forest Industries Association (IFIA), the FAO and the National Forest Programme Facility (NFP Facility) are organizing a meeting on the 21 and 22 September 2010 in Yaoundé with the main stakeholders coming from the forest and timber industry and public administration, the international cooperation, NGOs, and research institutes.



Objective

This meeting aims at promoting the opportunities of local investments in further wood processing to supply in particular national and sub regional markets. Therefore the meeting will focus on the following objectives: to identify priorities for the formulation of national strategies in selected countries of the Congo Basin for the development of forest industries, from the resource base to the markets, and to agree upon a road map for the formulation and implementation of national strategies.

Working group

The presentations and working group discussions will address issues related to the legal and policy framework on capital investment and trade, the informal timber trade – in particular FLEGT, taxation affecting local and export markets, other tariff and non tariff barriers, incentives promoting local transformation, market information, financial mechanisms, payment transactions, partnership opportunities between the large industry and small scale entrepreneurs, and others.

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